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NAVY INTERACTIVE ON-NET (ION) COMPUTER NETWORK EXPLOITATION (CNE) OPERATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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References	(a) TAO.ROC_PS02-495-V4.0 – Remote Operations Center Interactive Operations Certification Overview

1. **Background**. Navy Interactive ON-NET (ION) Computer Network Exploitation (CNE) Operators develop, refine, and utilize world-class tactics, techniques, procedures to conduct computer network operations in support of national and tactical security objectives. Bridging the tactical-technical span, ION Operators use advanced software applications to change or collect information residing on or transiting computer networks.

    a. The purpose of the Navy ION CNE Operator Certification Program is to select and develop Navy Cryptologic Technician Networks (CTNs) who will achieve Journeyman Level Exploit and Attack Certification and ION CNE Technical Lead Certification for single technology operating systems/network infrastructure within 3 years. Certified ION CNE Operators will then be eligible to submit an application to complete the Certification Trainer Program or transfer to a Navy or national site billet coded with the ION CNE Operator Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC).

2. **Requirements/Qualifications**

    a. All applicants must have a service record that clearly demonstrates sustained superior performance and must meet the following criteria:

        (1) Be a rated CTN.

        (2) Have successfully graduated Basic Digital Network Analysis (BDNA) and earned NEC 9305.

        (3) Be paygrade E-4 to E-7.

        (4) Be within 12 months from projected rotation date (PRD).

(5) Be eligible for continental United States (U.S.) (CONUS)/Shore assignment.

(6) Be perform to serve (PTS) approved if required.

(7) Have no more than 14 years military service.

(8) Have no nonjudicial punishment (NJP) within 2 years of application date.

(9) Have a final Top Secret clearance with access to sensitive compartmented information (SCI) and complete a counter intelligence polygraph prior to execution of permanent change of station (PCS) orders.

(10) Incur a 6-year obligated service (OBLISERV) that will consist of 3 years of specialized training and a 3-year follow-on tour utilizing the NEC earned. OBLISERV must be completed prior to execution of orders.

b. Waivers to specific eligibility requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis and approved or disapproved by Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM), Cryptologic/Intelligence Specialist (CT/IS) Assignment Section (PERS-408CJ).

3. **Application Procedures**. Commands are encouraged to nominate the best qualified personnel. All candidates shall complete and submit the following:

a. NAVPERS 1306/7 (Rev. 01-03), Enlisted Personnel Action Request, to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-408CJ) a minimum of 10 months prior to PRD.

b. ION CNE questionnaire.

c. Last five

- NAVPERS 1616/26 (Rev. 7-95), Evaluation Report and Counseling Record (E-1 to E-6), or
- NAVPERS 1610/2 (Rev. 7-95), Fitness Report and Counseling Record (E-7 to O-6).

d. Command endorsement not to exceed one page. The endorsement shall

- address only the technical qualifications and demonstrated aptitude of the applicant,
- address a command ranking if more than one applicant applies, and
- include a statement that all information has been verified and package is complete.

4. **Screening Process**

a. Upon approval of NAVPERS 1306/7, NAVPERSCOM (PERS-408) will forward member's complete package to the Navy element within Tailored Access Operations (TAO) for final technical screening and approval/disapproval of selection to subject program. Soft copy application packages will be forwarded via unclassified E-Mail.

b. The Navy element within TAO will notify NAVPERSCOM (PERS-408CJ) and applicant of selection determination and class convening/availability through written documentation.

5. **Training Pipeline Expectations**

a. Program candidates are expected to achieve the following training milestones for single technology certification on operating systems/network infrastructure during the 3-year program:

Apprentice	CAT-D Cert	Report + 9 Months
Apprentice	CAT-C Cert	Report + 18 Months
Journeyman	CAT-D Cert	Report + 24 Months
Journeyman	CAT-C Cert	Report + 36 Months

b. Sailors who fail to maintain program requirements/ qualification eligibility or fail to meet stated training expectations will be released back to the rating detailer for further assignment.